

Hepatic Encephalopathy Checklist

Precipitants and first-line management

Gastroenterology	PHYSICIAN REFERENCE
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Search precipitants

- GI bleed, infection, constipation, dehydration/overdiuresis, renal dysfunction, electrolyte disorder, sedatives.

Treat

- Lactulose titrated to clinical response; rifaximin commonly added for recurrent/persistent episodes.

Safety

- Protect airway in severe encephalopathy and exclude alternate causes of altered sensorium.

Clinical safety note

Use this as a memory aid, not a prescription. Verify current guidelines, local protocols, contraindications, renal/hepatic dosing, pregnancy status, interactions and patient-specific factors before treatment.